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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Of Presidential Message To Congress On
Special Programs Of Immigration And Aid To
Refugees From Communism

The only direct effect of the special immigration proposals, as far as this Agency is concerned, will be the requirement to conduct name checks and other investigations. This work was carried out in the case of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 as amended, and the Internal Security Act of 1950, and the machinery is established to carry out these responsibilities under the proposed legislation.

Indirectly this Agency is interested in proposals which contain appropriate security safeguards and which lend substance to the impression among potential defectors from the Soviet orbit that if they flee from tyranny they will have a reasonable chance for a new life in a new world. As between the original suggestion of 300,000 additional immigrants over three years, and the State Department proposal for the use annually of roughly 60,000 unused quota numbers each year for five years, the choice might best be

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determined by the likelihood of acceptance by the Congress. Possible rejection of a proposal in this field would be worse in the long run than no proposal. Either proposal would meet this Agency's interest as described above.

The proposals in the message respecting the reception, care, and movement of escapees from the Soviet orbit seem entirely satisfactory. In its revised form there is no objection, as far as this Agency is concerned, to the general language with regard to possible education and training in Europe. However, such education and training, if carried out in Europe through European institutions, should not become, overtly, an American governmental enterprise.

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